(e) Implementation of Scheme would start after BIFR finalises the Schemes. BIFR has fixed hearings in February, 2002 for this purpose.

Slow down in development and expansion of textiles

†432. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of development and expansion of textile industry in the country has slowed down due to lack of necessary encouragement.

(b) if so, the total quantum of cloth produced in the mill sector, powerloom sector and handloom sector during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the annual target of produced in each sector was laid down for the above years in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) As it will be evident from the total of sector-wise quantum of cloth production during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 given below, there has not been any slowdown in the development and expansion of the textiles industry in the country due to lack of necessary encouragement:—

(in million sq. mtrs.)

Sl.No.	Sector	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Mill	1785	1714	1670
2.	Powerloom	20689	23187	24503
3.	Handloom	6792	7352	7472
4.	Hosiery	6277	6374	6688
	TOTAL	35543	38627	40333

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) No, sector-wise targets for annual cloth production were fixed during the above period.

Handloom fairs/exhibitions

433. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many handloom fairs/exhibitions were held during 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

(b) the details of places, State-wise;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the details of report submitted by officers deputed for inspection and to certify expenditure.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) The details of the number of Handloom exhibitions/fairs held during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-01 alongwith the details of places/States and the expenditure incurred thereon are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 194, Annexure No. 4]

(d) The final releases are made only after receipt of a report on the conduct of the fair/exhibition duly certified by the competent authority of the State Government/the Agency concerned, alongwith audited accounts thereon.

Modernisation of NTC Mills in Maharashtra

434. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on modernisation of NTC mills in Maharashtra State, till date;

(b) the strategy planned to make the sick units viable there; and

(c) the policy of Government to protect the interest of workers in these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) An amount of Rs. 110.62 crores have been spent on modernization of NTC mills in Maharashtra State.